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Sonja Johnson-Byers, Director of Administration
Comtech21, LLC
One Barnes Park South
Wallingford, Connecticut 06492

RE: Docket No. 04-00057

Dear Ms. Johnson-Byers:

CLEC applicants are required, by statute, to demonstrate their managerial, financial and technical abilities to provide the services for which they seek authority. To assist the Authority in its review of Comtech21, LLC's ("Comtech21") application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to provide competing facilities-based local services in Tennessee, you are requested to provide the following information:

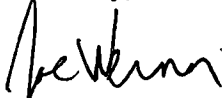
1. Please explain in detail Comtech21's technical ability to provide competing local telecommunications services in Tennessee. The application stated that Comtech21, LLC has the technical ability to provide telecommunications in Tennessee; however, it did not explain the technical ability. Will Comtech21 be relying on the underlying carrier for technical ability? Has the Applicant employed an engineer for technical assistance?
2. Please provide the biography of the management personnel that is responsible for financial reporting.
3. Please provide financial statements inclusive of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flow for Comtech21, LLC for year-end 2003. Exhibit E of the Application indicates that the Financials were filed under seal; however the financials were not enclosed with the application
4. Please provide a Capital Expenditures Budget (three years)
 1. Equipment to be deployed
 2. Cost of equipment
 3. Sources for funding Tennessee network, equipment, UNE's: cash, loan commitments, vendor credits, letters of credit, etc. (complete detail)
5. Please provide a detailed explanation in support of Comtech21's financial ability of to provide telecommunications in the State of Tennessee.

6. Please provide projected financial statements for 2004, 2005 and 2006 inclusive of income statement and statement of cash flow.
7. Applicant should serve notice of its application on the eighteen (18) incumbent local exchange telephone companies in Tennessee with a statement regarding the company's intention of operating geographically. The TRA requires a written certificate of service from the applicant
8. Sworn pre-filed testimony is needed for CLEC applications. This testimony should describe the services to be provided, the applicant's technical, managerial, and financial abilities to provide the services and affirm that all information submitted in the application is true and correct.
9. Please explain the Corporate Structure of Comtech21, LLC and list any affiliates. Additionally, include any mergers, acquisitions, etc.
10. Please provide a Toll Dialing Parity Plan.
11. **Numbering Issues**
Please provide answers to the following questions concerning numbering within your proposed service area.
 1. What is your company's expected demand for NXXs per NPA within a year of approval of your application?
 2. How many NXXs do you estimate that you will request from NANPA when you establish your service footprint?
 3. When and in what NPA do you expect to establish your service footprint?
 4. Will the company sequentially assign telephone numbers within NXXs?
 5. What measures does the company intend to take to conserve Tennessee numbering resources?
 6. When ordering new NXXs for growth, what percentage fill of an existing NXX does the company use to determine when a request for a new NXX will be initiated?
12. **Tennessee Specific Operational Issues**
Please provide answers to the following questions concerning Tennessee Specific Operational Issues.
 1. How does the company intend to comply with T.C.A. § 65-21-114? In its description, please explain technically how the company will not bill for countywide calls within Tennessee.

2. Is the company aware of the Tennessee County Wide Calling database maintained by BellSouth and the procedures to enter your telephone numbers on the database?
3. Does the Applicant intend to subscribe to and/or participate in BellSouth's TAR Code data base in order to insure compliance with Tennessee's County Wide Calling Statute? If not, please describe in detail the method that will be used to insure your customers, within a Tennessee county, are not billed toll charges for a call made to any other resident (regardless of carrier) within the same county.
4. Is your company aware of the local calling areas provided by the Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers in your proposed service areas?
5. Explain the procedures that will be implemented to assure that your customers will not be billed long distance charges for calls within the metro area.
6. Please provide the name and telephone number of an employee of your company that will be responsible to work with the TRA on resolving customer complaints.
7. Does the company intend to telemarket its services in Tennessee? If yes, is the company aware of the telemarketing statutes and regulations found in T.C.A. § 65-4-401 *et seq.* And Chapter 1220-4-11?

Please provide an original and 13 copies of this information by March 18, 2004. If you have any questions concerning this request or need additional information, please call Patsy Fulton at 615-741-2904 ext. 193.

Sincerely,



Joe Werner
Telecommunications Chief

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